CAPTAIN'S CAREER COURSE

LESSON:
PREPARE A BATTALION OPERATION ORDER

TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- **ACTION: Prepare a Battalion OPORD.**
- **CONDITIONS: In a classroom environment given FM 101-5,**
- **STANDARD: Prepare a battalion OPORD IAW the criteria defined in FM 101-5, Appendix H.**

SAFETY, RISK, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

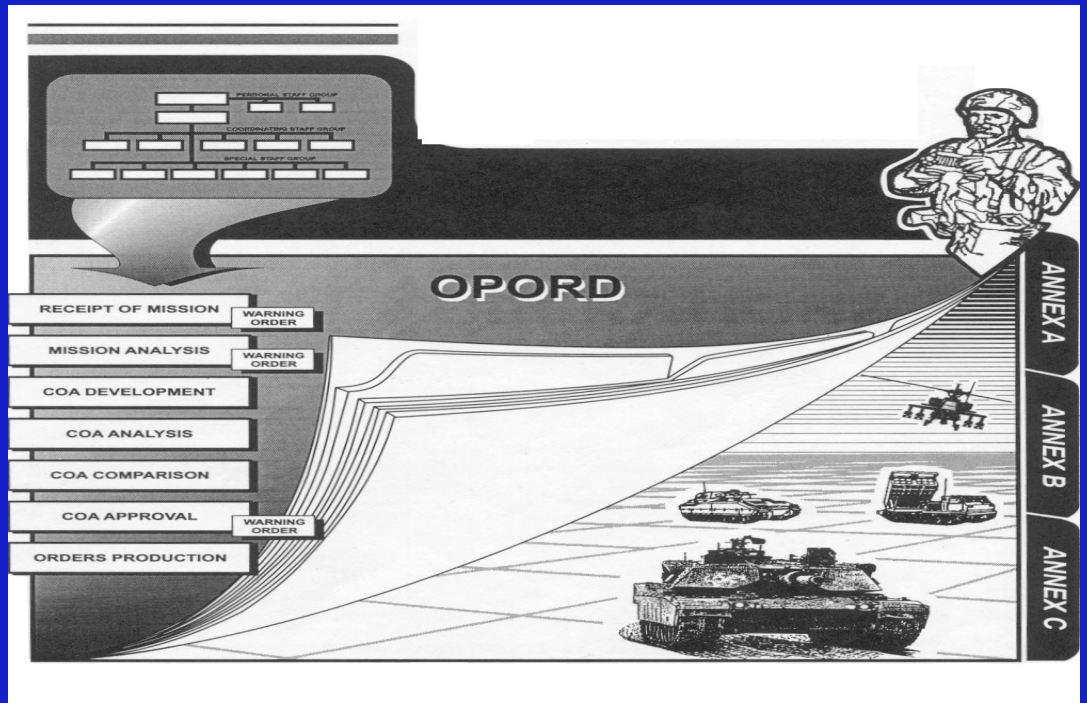
Safety Requirements:
None

Risk Assessment Level:
Low

Environmental: **None**

PRIMARY REFERENCE

- **Reference 1 and FM 101-5 Staff Organization Operation**



BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF AN OPORD

- **Plans and orders are the methods that the command uses to synchronize military actions which include:**
  - **Permitting subordinate commanders to prepare supporting plans or orders.**
  - **Implementing operations derived from a higher commander's plan or order.**
  - **Focusing a subordinate's activities.**

BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF AN OPORD

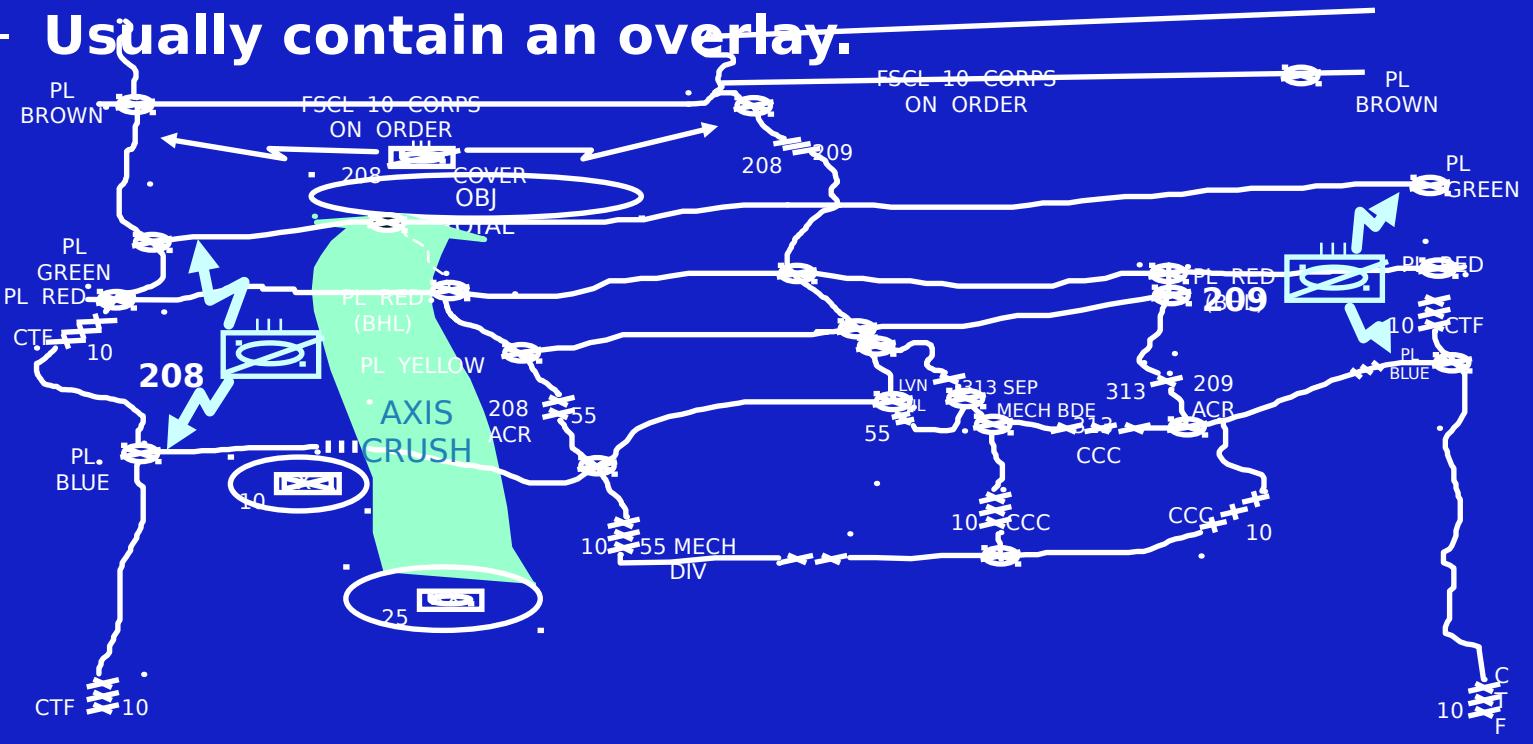
- Plans and orders are the methods that the command uses to synchronize military actions which include:
  - Providing tasks and activities, constraints, and coordinating instructions necessary for the successful completion of missions.
  - Not inhibiting agility, speed, and initiative in carrying out missions.
  - Ensuring communications convey instructions in a standard, recognizable, clear, and simple format.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF AN OPORD

- All operation plans and orders at the battalion to corps level follow a standard format that can be found in FM101-5, Appendix H. At a minimum these plans and orders:
  - Have five paragraphs.
  - Provide task organization and the scheme of maneuver.
  - Provide a clear, concise mission statement, based on the mission assigned by the higher headquarters, that includes execution time and date.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF AN OPORD

- Convey the commander's intent and concept of the operation.
- Usually contain an overlay.



OPORD FORMAT

Classification

(Change from oral orders, if any)

Copy___of copies
Issuing headquarters
Place of issue
Date-time group of signature
Message reference number

Operation Plan (Order)_____(code name) (number)

References:

Time Zone Used Throughout the Plan (Order):

Task Organization:

OPORD FORMAT

1. SITUATION.
   a. Enemy forces.
   b. Friendly forces.
   c. Attachments and detachments.
   d. Assumptions (OPLAN only).
2. MISSION.
3. EXECUTION.
   a. Intent:
      (1) Maneuver.
      (2) Fires.

OPORD FORMAT

3. EXECUTION.

a. Intent:

(3) Reconnaissance and surveillance.

(4) Intelligence.

(5) Engineer.

(6) Air Defense.

(7) Information operations.

b. Task to maneuver units.

c. Task to combat support units.

(1) Intelligence.

(2) Engineer.

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3. EXECUTION.

c. Task to combat support units.

(3) Fire support.

(4) Air defense.

(5) Signal.

(6) NBC.

(7) Provost marshal.

(8) PSYOP.

(9) Civil military.

(10) As required.

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3. EXECUTION.

d. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Time or condition when a plan or order becomes effective.

(2) CCIR.

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3. EXECUTION.

d. Coordinating instructions.

(3) Risk reduction control measures.

(4) Rules of engagement.

(5) Environmental considerations.

(6) Force protection.

(7) As required.

OPORD FORMAT

4. SERVICE SUPPORT.

a. Support concept.

b. Material and services.

c. Medical evacuation and hospitalization.

d. Personnel.

e. Civil military.

f. As required.

OPORD FORMAT

5. COMMAND and SIGNAL.

a. Command.

b. Signal.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

OFFICIAL NAME (Commander's last name)
Name and position RANK (Commander's Rank)

ANNEXES:

Classification

SUMMARY

This lesson was designed to review the format of the 5 paragraph OPORD. You will be required to write a battalion OPORD later in this course. The purpose of this lesson was to highlight the information provided in FM 101-5, and [illegible] OPORD on your own.